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SUBJ: US-IRAN ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT.

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- 1. SCIATT AND USIRJC OFFICER CALLED ON DR. HASSAN MOHAMMEDI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, TO DISCUSS CHANGES IN WORDING OF ENGLISH VERSION EPA/DOE AGREEMENT AS REQUESTED REFTEL. EMBOFFS AND MOHAMMEDI COMPARED FARSI AND ENGLISH TEXTS AND CONCLUDED IN ALL BUT ONE INSTANCE THAT ENGLISH TEXT REPRESENTS DIRECT LITERAL TRANSLATION FROM FARSI, THUS ENGLISH VERSION CONTAINS COMPLICTED PHRASEOLOGY AND SOME UNCLEAR WORDING. IN INSTANCE OF PARA 3, SECTION C, CLAUSE 1, MOHAMMEDI AGREED THAT PHRASE QUOTE OR CONTRACT EMPLOYEE OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT OUT OF ENGLISH VERSION.
- 2. MOHAMMEDI HAS CONSULTED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON APPROPRIATENESS OF CHANGING WORDING OF ENGLISH VERSION AND HAS INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT DOE UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO CHANGE IN WORDING OF ENGLISH VERSION SINCE IT DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY ALTERATION IN FARSI VERSION OF AGREEMENT NOR DOES IT AFFECT SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, SINCE ENGLISH VERSION AS IT EXISTS NOW HAS BEEN SIGNED BY RESPECTIVE AGENCY HEADS, EXCHANGE OF LETTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR OF EPA TO FIROUZ, DIRECTOR OF DOE, WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE

CHANGES OFFICIAL.

- 3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ADMINISTRATOR OF EPA SEND LETTER THROUGH EMBASSY TO FIROUZ POINTING OUT THAT ENGLISH VERSION OF EPA/DOE AGREEMENT AS IT NOW STANDS IS UNCLEAR AND CONFUSING IN SOME OF ITS PHRASEOLOGY AND RECOMMEND CHANGES AS DESCRIBED IN EARLIER TELEGRAMS. FIROUZ WILL THEN SEND RETURN LETTER ACCEPTING PROPOSED CHANGES.
- 4. MOHAMMEDI INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT TRANSFER OF 10 MILLION REIALS FROM DOE TO SPECIAL U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT FUND ACCOUNT NUMBER 68X6142 IS BEING ARRANGED AND SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. MOHAMMEDI WILL PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH COPY OF CALBE TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO ABOVE MENTIONED ACCOUNT.
- 5. DOE ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT COST OF NEGOTIATING TEAM WILL BE PAID OUT OF THIS SAME FUND. MIKLOS

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